



National Park Service  
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STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
2010 ANNUAL REPORT

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 as amended authorized the provision of matching grants to States and local governments to encourage statewide outdoor recreation planning and to leverage public and private investment in our nation's public outdoor recreation estate through the acquisition and development of close-to-home outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The LWCF State and Local Assistance Program administers the only federal funding source solely dedicated to establishing and providing federal perpetual protection for a nationwide legacy of high quality public parks, conservation and recreation areas by working in partnership with state and local governments.

Program funding depends on annual Congressional appropriations. The primary source of revenue for the Fund is from federal oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf.



### **National Program Goals**

Reflecting the goals of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act, the goals of the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program are to:

- Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resources needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.
- Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.
- Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.

# supporting parks and recreation in cities



I am pleased to share the National Park Service’s annual report on the accomplishments of our Land and Water Conservation Fund’s (LWCF) State and Local Assistance Program. By helping communities create new parks and renew existing ones, LWCF provides millions of American families with accessible places for everyday recreation and healthy outdoor exercise. This year’s report highlights our support for creating vibrant urban parks—the beautiful green engines which not only meet vital recreation needs but also contribute significantly to youth development, job opportunities, community building, and overall livability in America’s cities.

We are proud to work with our state and community partners across the country. Over the past 45 years, we have completed successful LWCF projects in virtually every county in the nation. This report highlights our best work in 2010. We pledge to do even more in the years ahead.

*Jon Jarvis, Director*  
National Park Service

Sterling Ridge, Texas: **Annual Turkey Trot at May Valley Park**



# park highlights

In 2010, the quality of life in more than 221 communities was enhanced by new parkland or improved facilities for recreation.



Narragansett, Rhode Island: **Salty Brine State Beach**

## **Narragansett, Rhode Island: Salty Brine State Beach**

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management completed the construction of a new beach facility at Salty Brine State Beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island. One of Rhode Island's most popular beaches, the new fully accessible facility is LEED Certified to the Silver Standard. According to DEM Director W. Michael Sullivan, the new bathhouse will generate more energy than it will use, making it the first state facility that is self-sufficient.



Narragansett, Rhode Island: **Salty Brine State Beach**

*I've always said that Rhode Island's natural beauty is one of its greatest assets. We are truly blessed to live in a state where we can walk or drive to a nearby park, beach, or open space.*

Governor Donald Carcieri

## Land and Water Conservation Fund Achievements

Grant Dollars	\$33,310,689.58*
Total Dollars Leveraged	\$48,871,762.00
Recreation Areas Funded	246
New Acres Permanently Protected	34,367

\* includes some prior year funds

### Laurel, Delaware: Trap Pond State Park

Dedicated in November 2010 the new Baldcypress Nature Center at Trap Pond State Park encourages visitors to learn about the park's fascinating environment and to enjoy outstanding views of the pond. The region is home to the northernmost natural stands of bald cypress in the East, and the area was once part of a massive cypress swamp. Built on the footprint of a former park building and named for the cypress trees within the park, the center incorporates numerous green building practices in its design, construction and operation.



Laurel, Delaware: Trap Pond State Park

*The Nature Center is as beautiful as it is energy efficient. It's a special place to connect with our natural world, and its energy efficient features are financially and environmentally responsible.*

Collin O'Mara, Secretary  
Delaware Department of Natural Resources  
and Environmental Control

2010

# accomplishments

## Program Accomplishments



Wilson, North Carolina: **Bocce courts at Gillette Athletic Complex**

No single perspective adequately tells the whole story of the Land and Water Conservation Fund’s impact, but collectively its performance measures provide a better picture of the program’s wide-ranging impacts:

**DIRECT COMMUNITY IMPACT:** In FY 2010, \$33.3 million dollars in LWCF federal grant monies were awarded to acquire lands for recreation, and to develop new and upgrade outdoor recreation facilities. This much-needed assistance made a direct impact on park and recreation facilities in or near 221 local communities and helped “encourage active participation to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States” (Public Law 88-578).

**NEW PARK LANDS PERMANENTLY PROTECTED:** In FY 2010, a total of 5,905 new acres were made available for recreation use and enjoyment. In many communities, these acres mean brand new parks and recreation facilities. Examples are included in the Project Sites list at the end of this report.

**BUILDING AND UPGRADING PARKS:** For most communities, meeting citizen needs for recreation and physical activity is a three-fold challenge: acquiring land for recreation, developing new recreation facilities and enhancing existing facilities. In FY 2010, 214 local park and recreation areas were enhanced with grants to develop new or rehabilitate existing outdoor recreation and support facilities. Almost 73% of these LWCF-assisted sites (156) benefited from entirely new recreation facilities, site improvements or enhancements.

**PROTECTING PARKS FOREVER:** Finally, beyond the program’s direct assistance to develop and enhance facilities, every assisted site is protected against conversion to non-recreation use to ensure the federal and state/local investment remains available, not just for today’s citizens, but for all future generations of Americans. In FY 2010, LWCF stewardship protection was expanded by a total of 34,376 acres and 133 park sites.



Wilson, North Carolina: **Opening day ceremony at Gillette Athletic Complex**

### Wilson, North Carolina

The City of Wilson received LWCF support to develop four little league ballfields with lighting and irrigation, three bocce courts, three shuffleboard courts, a walking trail and accessible routes to all facilities.

National Program Goal	Performance Goal	Performance Measure	2010 Success
<p><b>1. Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resources needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.</b></p>	<p>1. Increase the quantity of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of new parks created for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment.</li> <li>• Number of new acres of land and water made available for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment.</li> <li>• Number of parks where new outdoor recreation facilities were developed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>33</b> parks</p> <p><b>5,905</b> acres</p> <p><b>156</b> parks</p>
	<p>2. Enhance the quality of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of parks enhanced through new development or rehabilitation of outdoor recreation and support facilities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>214</b> parks</p>
	<p>3. Ensure close-to-home public outdoor recreation resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of local jurisdictions where LWCF grant projects are located.</li> </ul>	<p><b>221</b></p>
<p><b>2. Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.</b></p>	<p>4. Increase the number of acres of protected outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of new acres protected.</li> <li>• Number of new sites protected under the LWCF Program.</li> </ul>	<p><b>34,367</b> acres</p> <p><b>133</b> sites</p>
	<p>5. Ensure that outdoor recreation resources funded through the LWCF Program are retained and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of LWCF projects inspected and determined to be open for public outdoor recreation use.</li> <li>• Percent of inspected acres funded by the LWCF determined to be open for public outdoor recreation use.</li> </ul>	<p><b>3,364</b> projects</p> <p><b>100%</b> of inspected acres</p>
<p><b>3. Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.</b></p>	<p>6. Stimulate planning initiatives to help states identify outdoor recreation needs and establish the implementation strategies to meet those needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of approved SCORP plans.</li> <li>• Number of SCORP plans that were updated in 2010.</li> </ul>	<p><b>53</b> plans</p> <p><b>10</b> plans</p>
	<p>7. Leverage local and state matching investments that support outdoor recreation projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of projects that exceed the 50% non-federal match.</li> </ul>	<p><b>30</b> projects</p>

# creating new parks

LWCF-assisted parks touch the lives of people living in 98% of U.S. counties. This year LWCF supported the creation of brand new parks in 33 communities, some of which are highlighted below:



## **Anne Arundel County, Maryland: Spriggs Farm Park on the Magothy River**

Anne Arundel County will acquire 54 acres of forest and meadow land with 650 feet of waterfront on the Magothy River. This park will offer spectacular views of the river, walking and fitness trails and picnic areas.

## **Brookline, Massachusetts: Fisher Hill Reservoir Park**

Fisher Hill Reservoir presents a unique opportunity for Brookline to create a 10 acre park in a dense urban community that needs open space for passive and active recreation. Phase one will create a park that is safe, handicapped accessible and inviting to the public for outdoor recreation.

## **Kingsland, Arkansas: Kingsland Prairie Natural Area**

The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, with LWCF assistance, will acquire 88 acres of land for a new addition to the State's System of Natural Areas. Kingsland Prairie, located in the West Gulf Coastal Plain, consists of a mosaic of saline soil prairie, open pine-oak savanna and woodlands, post-oak prairie mounds, and bottom-land hardwood forest. The savanna-like saline soil prairie is an extremely rare community type, occurring only in a handful of areas in the state which makes it a high priority for conservation. The new area will offer bird watching, botanizing, wildlife viewing, and nature photography.

## **Sealy, Texas: Jacqueline A. Cryan Memorial Town Park**

The City of Sealy in Austin County is acquiring and developing 8 acres to create Jacqueline A. Cryan Memorial Town Park. The new city park will include a swimming pool, multi-use trail, skate area, picnic tables with grills, native grass, tree plantings and interpretive signs.

## **Franklin County, Alabama Illinois Central Equestrian Trail**

Acquisition of 290 acres of former Illinois Central railroad will be converted to 24 miles of equestrian trail. The new trail's location along the Tennessee Valley Divide will feature ecological biodiversity not found elsewhere in the U.S.

## **Twitchell Island, California Rice Research Field**

The California Department of Water Resources will construct a wildlife viewing platform and support facilities at the Rice Research Field on Twitchell Island in the San Joaquin Delta near Rio Vista. The new 193-acre public park will offer a seasonal hunting facility and year-round wildlife viewing. The park also features outdoor interpretive exhibits related to the Delta region's wildlife and farming, including rice farming practices which help preserve and restore sensitive and degraded wetland habitats.



Spring Lake, North Carolina:  
Carvers Creek State Park

## **Creating New State Parks in North Carolina**

LWCF support will help create a new state park unit and protect a nationally significant natural heritage area containing habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, wetlands, beaver ponds, streams and riparian buffer area next to Fort Bragg.

# working with communities to meet changing needs

## LWCF Helps Sapulpa Build A Community Aquatics Facility and Much More

The City of Sapulpa, Oklahoma's last public outdoor pool, which the WPA built during the Great Depression, closed in 1958. In 2010 that all changed as Sapulpa celebrated the opening of its new swimming complex. LWCF funding supported facility development, which features a bathhouse, tot slide, sand volleyball courts, picnic facilities and ADA connective walkways. In its first year alone, the new complex had a total attendance exceeding 34,000, including more than 275 children who learned how to swim.

Since the 1970's, the LWCF has partnered with Sapulpa to build its popular park and recreation system and to meet the changing needs of its community: 5 of Sapulpa's 9 city parks have been constructed and/or improved with LWCF support. Over the last 15 years, Sapulpa and surrounding Creek County have relied heavily on LWCF to build, rehabilitate, and expand a wide range of park and recreation facilities, including sports fields, recreation trails, playgrounds, park restrooms, outdoor courts, picnic shelters and amenities, and golf course improvements.



Sapulpa, Oklahoma: **Community Aquatics Center**



# park and recreation needs

## The National Need for Parks and Recreation:

### \$18.5 Billion in 2010

To measure the national need for public outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition at the State and local level, the National Park Service annually requests each State to estimate the total amount of its need that cannot be met with available levels of funding. With this chart we seek to demonstrate a consistent picture of national demand for recreation facility development and parkland acquisition funding: 92% of the States reported an unmet funding need of 90% or greater, for a total of \$18.5 billion in 2010. Estimating the unmet need remains a work in progress. NPS continues to encourage States to look beyond the simple sum of unfunded outdoor recreation project grant requests in a given year in estimating the growing need for parks and outdoor recreation facilities.

\* Reflects combined apportionment allocating appropriated funds (\$37.2 million) and supplemental apportionment pursuant to the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (\$882,618)

\*\* Unmet needs shown are as reported by each State.

NR = Not Reporting

State	2010 LWCF Apportionment*	2010 Unmet Need**	% Unmet Need
Alabama	\$599,486	\$64,900,000	99%
Alaska	\$344,266	\$47,531,509	99%
Arizona	\$729,417	\$178,500,000	100%
Arkansas	\$475,622	\$8,414,429	95%
California	\$3,248,283	\$3,600,000,000	100%
Colorado	\$651,856	\$454,000,000	100%
Connecticut	\$583,868	\$90,000,000	99%
Delaware	\$361,326	\$16,650,000	98%
Florida	\$1,649,362	\$32,000,000	95%
Georgia	\$918,480	\$123,000,000	99%
Hawaii	\$402,395	\$28,407,685	99%
Idaho	\$393,292	\$5,000,000	93%
Illinois	\$1,339,313	\$628,535,650	100%
Indiana	\$756,466	\$463,300,000	100%
Iowa	\$504,845	\$1,127,155	69%
Kansas	\$501,971	\$120,000,000	100%
Kentucky	\$572,711	\$5,000,000	90%
Louisiana	\$639,246	\$180,000,000	100%
Maine	\$375,251	\$34,500,000	99%
Maryland	\$737,803	\$40,929,075	98%
Massachusetts	\$841,858	\$42,158,039	98%
Michigan	\$1,066,093	\$285,800,000	100%
Minnesota	\$669,450	\$374,000,000	100%
Mississippi	\$481,633	\$70,000,000	99%
Missouri	\$716,089	\$1,609,656,672	100%
Montana	\$359,096	\$347,639,103	100%
Nebraska	\$426,646	\$110,000,000	100%
Nevada	\$469,778	\$6,247,293	93%
New Hampshire	\$384,626	\$3,449,327	90%
New Jersey	\$1,031,036	\$355,768,964	100%
New Mexico	\$439,421	\$125,000,000	100%
New York	\$1,885,406	\$3,750,000,000	100%
North Carolina	\$862,410	\$1,383,887,647	100%
North Dakota	\$342,269	\$2,700,000	89%
Ohio	\$1,190,622	\$1,000,000,000	100%
Oklahoma	\$549,105	\$6,393,432	92%
Oregon	\$569,849	\$10,760,000	95%
Pennsylvania	\$1,261,726	\$28,000,000	96%
Rhode Island	\$388,135	\$2,332,548	86%
South Carolina	\$580,162	\$220,000,000	100%
South Dakota	\$348,394	\$22,384,226	98%
Tennessee	\$706,720	\$1,573,576,000	100%
Texas	\$1,990,419	\$145,310,428	99%
Utah	\$486,239	\$15,000,000	97%
Vermont	\$334,627	\$52,000,000	99%
Virginia	\$839,556	\$525,895,000	100%
Washington	\$775,289	\$287,600,000	100%
West Virginia	\$412,536	\$27,128,000	99%
Wisconsin	\$695,870	\$52,645,000	99%
Wyoming	\$334,458	\$251,756	43%
American Samoa	\$50,148	NR	0%
District of Columbia	\$87,170	\$3,500,000	98%
Guam	\$50,354	NR	0%
Northern Marianas	\$50,158	NR	0%
Puerto Rico	\$569,730	NR	0%
Virgin Islands	\$50,281	NR	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,082,618</b>	<b>\$18,560,878,938</b>	<b>99.8%</b>

*The significance of the Land and Water Conservation Fund to State and local parks across the country simply cannot be overstated. Over the past 46 years, Texas alone has received nearly \$173 million for nearly 1,000 planning, acquisition and development projects for its parks. Clearly, if this funding were to disappear, we would lose a vital resource for providing new conservation and recreation opportunities at the state and local level that contribute significantly to our nation's overall system of parks.*

Tim Hogsett, Director  
Recreation Grants  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;  
President, National Association of  
State Outdoor Recreation  
Liaison Officers

## A Closer Look at the Unmet Need in 2010

As in 2009, some States provided estimates that are significantly higher or lower than their previous year's estimate. For some this is due to efforts to refine their methodologies for estimating need. For others, it is likely a reflection of the continuing budget difficulties faced at the State and local level. In some States, tight budgets led demand for grants to sky-rocket as many more sponsors sought cost-share assistance for their projects. In other States, lower levels of available funding suppressed demand as potential sponsors perceived it not worth their while to spend time developing applications for smaller and/or fewer grant opportunities. Less funding at the State level also potentially reduces the amount available for match, leaving local sponsors solely responsible for meeting the cost share. Finally, low ceilings for grant amounts (to try to support as many projects as possible with limited funding) also can mask the true need.



South Dakota: An after-school "backpack" program helps children get active outdoors.

These juxtapositions reveal the challenges in basing the unmet need estimates solely on the total value of projects that cannot be funded that year. Finding other ways to calculate need that are not simply application based would help with minimizing the year to year fluctuations linked to grant requests. Nevertheless, the national unmet need for parks and recreation is clear and substantial.

### MAINE: IMPROVING OUTDOOR RECREATION NEED ESTIMATES

Maine evaluated a variety of factors to devise their 2010 outdoor recreation needs estimate, including some new considerations that led to a significant increase in their unmet need estimate this year. Virtually all States base their estimates at a minimum on the requests for LWCF grants that they were unable to support with available funds, including those that could only be partially satisfied. Maine added to this figure by assessing needed capital repairs and improvements at existing State Parks and a new State Park under development. Also considered were land acquisitions the State would pursue to support new fishing, camping, and other recreational opportunities, if funds were available. Finally, in the course of conducting inspections of previously



Georgetown, Maine: Reid State Park

conducting inspections of previously funded local LWCF projects, Maine has developed an estimate to capture those that are old enough to warrant repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade to keep them safe and attractive for public use.

# park and recreation needs

## SOUTH DAKOTA

### ADDRESSING COMPETING RECREATION DEMANDS

South Dakota struggles to achieve a balance between satisfying demand for new recreation with repair and upgrade needs. The Sioux Falls area is the fastest growing part of the state and development in the city and surrounding towns and rural areas is spurring a need for new parks and other outdoor recreation. At the same time, communities across the State are contending with aging facilities at parks and recreation areas, many of which were originally funded by LWCF. With only \$348,393 available in 2010, South Dakota offered grants ranging from \$10,000-50,000; the low cap led to a drop in the number of applications compared to prior years. Even so, South Dakota still received 48 requests totaling \$1,405,895 that would have supported \$6,191,272 in projects.

### CREATING NEW CAMPGROUNDS AT HARTFORD BEACH STATE PARK

Situated on the shores of scenic Big Stone Lake on the South Dakota-Minnesota border, Hartford Beach State Park is a popular fishing and camping destination. This popular park was originally designed for camping with tents and small trailer campers. With LWCF support, development of a new campground loop to accommodate modern campers and larger fishing boats is underway. Located on the bluff overlooking Big Stone Lake, the new area will feature camping cabins and a new playground in addition to support facilities.



Milbank, South Dakota: **Hartford Beach State Park**

*At the state level, we are continuing to see record levels of visitation. We are addressing this demand locally with the development of a new campground at Hartford Beach State Park near Milbank and construction of an additional 41 campsites at Lewis & Clark Recreation Area near Yankton.*

Randy Kittle, Grants Coordinator  
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks

**WASHINGTON: DEALING WITH REDUCED STATE FUNDING**

Washington is one of several States that saw need increase greatly due to reduced levels of state funding resources. Some highly ranked projects that represent the pool of \$278 million in projects that will not be funded or can be only partially funded in 2010: upgrades to Kandle Park in Tacoma including new restrooms, spray toys, skating areas, and a playground. Covington is seeking to expand Covington Community Park with a trailhead for the community trail system and an accessible interpretive trail. Burien would like to improve Seahurst Park with a new trail, picnic shelters, and an open play area, among other features.



Seattle, Washington: **Washington Arboretum**



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# scorp focus

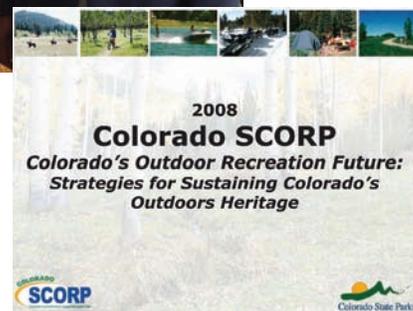
## SCORP Focus: Communities are Passionate about their Outdoor Recreation Assets

Community park and outdoor recreation assets offer many opportunities that enhance the lives of residents—backdrops for community celebrations and events; places for outdoor physical activity for adults and children; meeting spots for neighbors; outdoor classrooms for exploring natural and cultural resource treasures; and a silent contributor to the strength of local economies. States hear first-hand about the passionate concern for local outdoor recreation assets when they invite the public to provide input in the development of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans, a prerequisite for participating in the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program.

Establishing public outdoor recreation areas and facilities for people living in densely populated neighborhoods and heavily developed communities presents its own set of challenges and opportunities for recreation planners. To provide the administrative resources necessary to make close to home outdoor recreation places a reality, planners use the SCORP process to go into communities to conduct workshops and listening sessions, survey residents, and gather information from local officials and other experts. This information is used to develop statewide policy and direction for raising revenue, directing expenditure of funds, and creating partnerships to meet the ever growing demand to provide more local opportunities for people to have access to and experience outdoor resources.



Scott Babcock, Colorado State Parks Strategic Planning Program Manager, received the 2010 SCORP Excellence Award on behalf of the State of Colorado in recognition of the State's exceptional effort in statewide outdoor recreation planning. Also pictured, Rick Just, NARRP President (left) and Michael D. Wilson, Chief, State and Local Assistance Programs, National Park Service (right).



In 2010 the State of Colorado was selected to receive the annual SCORP Excellence Award presented jointly by the National Park Service and the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor States and Territories whose SCORP process and product exemplifies the spirit and intent of the LWCF Act by vigorously planning for the provision of outdoor recreation places and opportunities to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States.

Here is a sampling of SCORP findings about the growing need for outdoor recreation opportunities in urban communities.

### CALIFORNIA

One of California's greatest challenges for park and recreation providers is the enormous and continuing increase in the State's urban population, increasing the need for urban park and recreation resources. The SCORP encourages local park and recreation providers to pursue park acquisition and development in urban areas more accessible to where people live and work.

### MICHIGAN

A priority resource conservation issue in Michigan's SCORP is the growing movement for greenways, walkable communities and restoration of degraded urban natural resources to provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities. Urban residents have often missed opportunities for recreational development due to the increased costs of initial site cleanup and restoration. A SCORP initiative calls for targeted action to restore or enhance impaired outdoor recreation resources in urban environments.

### OHIO

Ohioans, like many Americans, are increasingly plagued by sedentary lifestyles, obesity and lack of time for outdoor pursuits. The SCORP calls for better ways to incorporate active outdoor experiences into the daily fabric of our lives. Opportunities for outdoor recreation must be made easily accessible. Ohio's most scenic public lands and waters are incredibly popular destinations; however, many of these attractions are not close to urban areas. The SCORP states that as land-use planning processes are undertaken, acquisition of lands that will support outdoor recreational activities that are both important to Ohioans and close to home should be a priority for providers and political subdivisions at all levels of government.

### PENNSYLVANIA

The first goal in Pennsylvania's SCORP 5-Year Action Plan is to strengthen connections between outdoor recreation, healthy lifestyles, and economic benefits in communities. A recommendation supporting this goal is to encourage local land use policy that promotes best management practices and models to preserve important green spaces, creates more walkable communities, and provides safe connections to outdoor recreation amenities.



Speedwell, Tennessee: **Cumberland Trail, McLean Rock Overlook**

## Extending the Cumberland Trail

The Cumberland Trail in Tennessee took a big step with the State's acquisition of 1,388 acres, supported by LWCF. The acquisition will enable the Tennessee Division of State Parks to extend the Cumberland Trail another 19 miles from Cumberland Gap National Historical Park almost to LaFollette. The Trust for Public Land facilitated the acquisition.

# land and water conservation fund

## 2010 project sites

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a visionary program established by Congress in 1965 to preserve, develop and assure accessibility to quality outdoor recreation resources for active participation in recreation and “to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States (Public Law 88-578).”

Projects are listed by county with congressional districts in parentheses. Images featured in this section highlight current and recently completed LWCF projects. A State may not be represented in this park list – an occurrence due most frequently to a decision to combine its apportionment from successive years in order to have sufficient funds for a desired project(s). States have three years to obligate funds to new projects, starting with the year the funds are appropriated.

### Alabama Coffee

Enterprise Recreational Park (2)

### Colbert

Colbert Alloys Park (5)  
Littleville Town Park (5)

### Cullman

South Vinemont Municipal Park (4)

### Dale

Clayhatchee Recreational Park (2)  
R.A. Culpepper Municipal Park (2)

### Franklin

Illinois Central Equestrian Trail (4)  
Red Bay Heritage Park (4)

### Lauderdale

Anderson Recreational Park (5)

### Madison

Flamingo Park (5)

### Randolph

Wadley Sports Complex (3)

### Saint Clair

Riverside Landing (6)

### Shelby

Coker Park (6)  
Go Holler Park (6)  
Pelham City Park (6)

### Talladega

Coosa River Valley Recreational Park (3)

### Washington

Mount Vernon Little League Park (1)

### Wilcox

Arlington Community Park (7)

### Arkansas Cleburne

Quitman Sports Complex (2)

### Cleveland

Kingsland Prairie Natural Area (4)

### Faulkner

Holland City Park (2)

### Van Buren

Archey Fork Park (2)

### White

Rose Bud City Park (2)

### Arizona

La Paz  
Buckskin Mountain State Park (7)



Seal Beach, California: **Pier Renovation**

### California Alameda

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area (11)

### Los Angeles

Edward Vincent Park (35)

### Monterey

Toro Park (17)

### Riverside

Bobby Bonds Park (44)  
Lake Perris State Recreation Area (45)

### Sacramento

Brannan Island State Recreation Area (10)  
Rice Research Field - Twitchell Island (10)

### San Diego

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve (52)

### San Luis Obispo

Los Osos Community Park (23)

*Projects listed by county; number in parentheses indicates congressional district.*



Barkhamsted, Connecticut: **Peoples State Forest**

**Colorado**  
**Chaffee**

Milk Run Trail (5)

**Summit**

Swan Mountain Recreational Pathway (2)

**Florida**  
**Highlands**

Community Center Park (16)

**Lake**

Recreation and Nature Park (3)

**Marion**

Liberty Community Park (6)

**Miami-Dade**

Bella Vista Park (20)

**Palm Beach**

John Prince Memorial Park (19)  
Village Commons Park (16)

**Pinellas**

Weaver Park (10)

**Seminole**

Round Lake Park (24)

**Georgia**  
**Bartow**

Dellinger Park (11)

**Berrien**

Berrien County Recreation Park (1)

**Coweta**

Chattahoochee Bend State Park (3)

**Crawford**

Crawford County Park (2)

**Douglas**

Woodrow Wilson Park (7)

**Habersham**

Cornelia City Park (10)

**Hall**

Mossy Creek State Park-Stempler (9)

**Monroe**

Kynette Park (8)

**Hawaii**  
**Hawaii**

Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area (2)  
Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens (2)

**Iowa**

**Clayton**

Pikes Peak State Park (1)

**Des Moines**

Thye Woods Recreation Area (2)

**Dickinson**

Emerson Bay State Recreation Area (5)

**Dubuque**

Mines of Spain Recreation Area (1)

**Grundy**

Morrison City Park (3)

**Hamilton**

Little Wall Lake Park (4)

**Monona**

Lewis & Clark State Park (5)

**Polk**

Jester Park (3)

**Tama**

Union Grove State Park (1)

**Union**

Green Valley State Park (5)

**Woodbury**

Bigelow Park (5)

**Idaho**

**Valley**

Riverfront Park (1)

**Indiana**

**Allen**

Kreager Park (3)

**Steuben**

Trine State Recreation Area (3)

**Kansas**

**Norton**

Prairie Dog State Park (1)

**Kentucky  
Bath**

Bath County Park (4)

**Caldwell**

Princeton Playground  
Park (1)

**Lincoln**

First Southern Veterans  
Park (6)

**Rockcastle**

Brodhead City Park (5)

**Spencer**

Spencer County Park (2)

**Wolfe**

Campton Public Park (5)

**Louisiana  
Acadia**

Moody-Amy Youth Sports  
Facility (4)

**Assumption**

Pierre Part/Belle River  
Recreation Complex (3)

**Calcasieu**

Riverside Park (7)

**Jefferson**

Kenner City Park (1)

**La Salle**

Jena City Park (6)

**Saint Bernard**

Sidney Torres Park (3)  
Val Riess Park (3)

**Saint Charles**

Rathborne Park (3)

**Saint Tammany**

Camp Salmen Nature  
Park (1)  
Great Park at Coquille (1)

**Massachusetts  
Essex**

Lawrence Heritage State  
Park (5)

**Hampden**

Community Field Park (1)

**Middlesex**

Whispering Hill Woods (7)

**Norfolk**

Fisher Hill Reservoir Park (4)

**Plymouth**

South River Park (10)

**Maryland  
Anne Arundel**

Spriggs Farm Park (1)

**Prince Georges**

Patuxent River Park (5)

**Androscoggin**

Androscoggin Riverlands  
State Park (2)

**Franklin**

Hippach Field Park (2)

**Oxford**

Lovell Tennis Courts (1)

**Piscataquis**

Brownville Elementary  
School Playground (2)

**Somerset**

Hathorn Park Legge's  
Field (2)

**York**

Alfred Elementary School  
Playground (1)

**Michigan  
Barry**

Yankee Springs Township  
Park (3)

**Genesee**

Clio Area Youth Sports  
Complex (5)

**Houghton**

Centennial Park (1)

**Ingham**

North Meridian Road  
Park (8)

**Monroe**

Frenchtown Township  
Park (15)

**Oakland**

Children's Park (8)

**Washtenaw**

Pinckney Recreation  
Area (7)

**Missouri  
Adair**

Memorial Park (9)  
P.C. Mills Park (9)

**Benton**

Gordon Howard Drake  
Harbor Park (5)

**Boone**

Atkins Memorial Park (4)

**Cape Girardeau**

North Park (8)

**Cass**

Memorial Park (5)

**Clay**

Crows Creek Park (6)  
Happy Rock Park (6)

**Dent**

Salem Soccer Field  
Complex (8)

**Gasconade**

City Park (9)



Clayton, Missouri: **Playground**

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Wilson, North Carolina: **Gillette Athletic Complex**

*The LWCF program is important to North Carolina: it has been a vital source of matching funds to maintain and improve the quality of life in our state, to enhance our outdoor recreation and tourism economy, and to promote public health. Record visitation in 2010 underscores the public's interest in close-to-home outdoor recreation.*

Lewis Ledford, Director  
North Carolina State Parks and Recreation  
and LWCF State Liaison Officer

- Jackson**  
Upland Lake Park (4)
- Lafayette**  
Fairground Park (4)
- Maries**  
Playground Park (9)  
Vienna City Park (9)
- McDonald**  
Blankenship Park (7)
- Newton**  
Seneca Multi-purpose  
Recreational Park (7)
- Reynolds**  
Johnson Shut-Ins State  
Park (8)
- Ripley**  
Quick Creek Park (9)
- Saint Charles**  
Memorial Park (2)
- Saint Louis**  
Bon Oak Park (8)  
Mooney Park (1)  
Shaw Park (1)
- Taney**  
Shoals Bend Park (8)
- Webster**  
Del Massey Park (4)
- Mississippi  
Forrest**  
Paul B. Johnson State  
Park (4)
- Montana  
Lewis and Clark**  
Black Sandy State Park

- North Carolina  
Cumberland**  
Carvers Creek State Park (7)
- Rutherford**  
Chimney Rock State  
Park (10)
- North Dakota  
Bottineau**  
Cordelia Township Natural  
Area
- Burleigh**  
Lions Park
- Mclean**  
Fort Stevenson State Park
- Nebraska  
Cass**  
City Park (1)  
Platte River State Park (1)
- Gage**  
Riverside Park (1)
- Hamilton**  
Cole Park (3)
- Sioux**  
Harrison Community  
Swimming Pool (3)
- New Hampshire  
Carroll**  
Moultonborough  
Recreation Area (1)
- Coos**  
Jericho Mountain State  
Park (2)  
Rotary Park (2)
- Grafton**  
Franconia School  
Playground (2)

- Hillsborough**  
Lyons Park (2)
- Rockingham**  
Hedgehog Park (2)
- New Jersey  
Hudson**  
Liberty State Park (13)
- New Mexico  
Grant**  
City of Rocks State Park (2)
- Nevada  
Clark**  
Kiel Ranch Historic Park (1)
- Lincoln**  
Beaver Dam State Park (2)
- Lyon**  
Out of Town Park (2)
- Storey**  
Lockwood Park (2)
- Washoe**  
Arrowcreek Park (2)  
Double Diamond Park (2)  
Lazy 5 Regional Park (2)  
South Valleys Regional  
Park (2)  
Wadsworth Community  
Park (2)



Henderson, Nevada: **Morell Skate Park**



Gladstone, Oregon: **Patterson Park**

**New York**  
**Albany**  
 Thompson's Lake State  
 Park (21)

**Westchester**  
 Franklin D. Roosevelt State  
 Park (19)

**Ohio**  
**Clermont**  
 East Fork State Park (2)

**Delaware**  
 Big Run North Preserve (12)

**Lucas**  
 Sylvan Prairie Park (9)

**Medina**  
 Hinckley Reservation (16)

**Ottawa**  
 East Point Wildlife Area (9)  
 Oak Point State Park (9)

**Oklahoma**  
**Bryan**  
 Billy Miller Park (2)  
 Carl Albert Park (2)

**Cotton**  
 Walter's Youth Park (4)

**Creek**  
 Liberty Park (3)

**Grady**  
 Schrock Park (4)

**Harper**  
 Doby Springs Golf  
 Course (3)

**Johnston**  
 Tishomingo Municipal Golf  
 Course (2)

**McCurtain**  
 Jerry Seitz Memorial  
 Recreational Park (2)

**Muskogee**  
 Warner Youth Park (2)

**Pottawatomie**  
 McLoud Community  
 Park (5)

**Sequoyah**  
 Armstrong Park (2)

**Oregon**  
**Grant**  
 Bates State Park (2)

**Pennsylvania**  
**Chester**  
 Coventry Woods Park (6)

**Lebanon**  
 Campbeltown Fire Company  
 Recreation Area (17)

**Montgomery**  
 Pottstown High School  
 North Fields (5)

*For over 20 years, the youth, and some adults, of our community (Front Royal & Warren County) have struggled to find a place where they could skateboard, bike and rollerblade. On June 5, 2010, with the opening of the Warren County Skate Park, we now have that place. Thank you, LWCF.*

Dan Lenz, Director  
 Warren County Parks & Recreation  
 Warren County, Virginia

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*This project has been overwhelmingly accepted and greatly appreciated by the public, with visitation up a significant amount over previous years at Button Bay State Park, directly resulting from the improvements funded by LWCF.*

Ed O'Leary, Director of Operations  
 Vermont Department of Forests,  
 Parks and Recreation and LWCF  
 Alternate State Liaison Officer



Vergennes, Vermont: **Button Bay State Park**

**South Carolina**  
**Greenville**  
 Mountain Bridge Wilderness  
 Area (4)

**Horry**  
 Grand Park (1)

**South Dakota**  
**Roberts**  
 Hartford Beach State Park

**Tennessee**  
**Claiborne**  
 Cumberland Trail (4)

**Van Buren**  
 Fall Creek Falls (4)

**Texas**  
**Austin**  
 Jaqueline A. Cryan  
 Memorial Town Park (10)

**Bandera**  
 Lost Maples State Natural  
 Area (21)

**Hidalgo**  
 Estero Llano Grande  
 State Park (15)

**Kenedy**  
 Sam Noble County Park (27)

**Uvalde**  
 Garner State Park (23)

**Utah**  
**Box Elder**  
 Perry City Soccer Park (1)  
 Riverside Park (1)

**Carbon**  
 Scofield State Park (2)

**Salt Lake**  
 Jordan River Parkway Trail (1)

**Wasatch**  
 Wasatch Mountain State  
 Park (2)

**Washington**  
 Forest Park (2)

**Weber**  
 North Ogden Park (1)

**Virginia**  
**Buckingham**  
 James River State Park (5)

**Vermont**  
**Orleans**  
 Westfield Recreation Center

**Rutland**  
 Currier Community Ballfield

**Washington**  
 Ladd Field

Front Royal, Virginia: **Warren County Skate Park**



**Washington**  
**Benton**  
Badger Mountain Park (4)

**King**  
Tanner Landing Park (8)

**Kitsap**  
Blackjack Creek Wilderness  
Trail (6)  
Kiwanis Park (6)

**Mason**  
Oakland Bay County  
Park (6)

**Wisconsin**  
**Door**  
Garrett Bay Park (8)

**West Virginia**  
**Cabell**  
Harris Park (2)

**Harrison**  
Charles Pointe Park (1)

**Jefferson**  
Evitts Run Park (2)  
Moulton Park (2)

**Kanawha**  
Charleston Gateway  
Park (2)  
City Park (2)

**Marshall**  
Grand Vue Park (1)  
McMechen Park (1)

**Ohio**  
Miracle Field and Wheeling  
Skatepark (1)

**Putnam**  
Hurricane City Park (2)

**Wood**  
Johnson T. Janes Park (1)  
Little Kanawha River  
Park (1)

**Wyoming**  
**Albany**  
Lab School Playground  
Washington Park

**Carbon**  
Bolton Park  
Depot Park  
Key Club Park  
Rob Roy Park  
Tully Park  
Washington Park

**Crook**  
Clarenbach Memorial Park  
Harwood Park

**Laramie**  
Martin Luther King Park  
Saddle Ridge Park

**Lincoln**  
Alpine Skate Park

**Park**  
Meeteetse Rodeo Arena  
West Park

**Platte**  
Glendo State Park  
Guernsey State Park  
Russell Staats Park

**Sheridan**  
Little Goose Pathway  
South Park

**Teton**  
Phil Baux Park

**Uinta**  
Mountain View  
Town Park

**Weston**  
Newcastle Sports  
Complex

**Puerto Rico**  
**Anasco**  
Anasco Vacational Center

**Arroyo**  
Punta Guilarte  
National Park

**Maricao**  
Monte Del Estado  
Vacational Center

**Ponce**  
Ponce Sports City



Cheyenne, Wyoming: **Curt Gowdy State Park**



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*A state may not be represented in the above park list – an occurrence due most frequently to a decision to combine its apportionment from successive years in order to have sufficient funds for a desired project(s). States have three years to obligate funds to new projects once made available to them.*

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### **BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK OFFICIALLY OPENED**

The 1,786-acre site, acquired in part through an LWCF grant, includes small streams, cypress tupelo swamps, a hardwood forest, upland forests and a rolling landscape. Fourteen miles of equestrian trails wind through some of the most interesting topography of southern Louisiana. The Bogue Chitto River is perfect for canoeing or kayaking, and features 11 lakes stocked with a variety of freshwater fish, a water playground, numerous picnic pavilions and an outdoor classroom.



Washington Parish, Louisiana: **Bogue Chitto State Park**



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